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SUBJ: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS: DANISH VIEWS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION WITH FONOFF, EMBASSY WAS GIVEN IMPRESSION THAT DANES CONTINUE TO REGARD INITIAL 30-ITEM LIST COMMISSION SUBMITTED TO EC COUNCIL AS OPTIMUM OBTAINABLE. THEREFORE, THEIR PRELIMINARY REACTION TO OUR REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT AND AUGMENTATION OF LIST WAS ONE OF CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY THAT THIS MIGHT LEAD TO UNRAVELING OF 30-ITEM PROPOSAL AND END UP WITH SOMETHING LESS. WE STRONGLY UNDERLINED US VIEWS THAT PRESENT PROPOSED

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EC OFFER INSUFFICIENT AND IT MUST BE IMPROVED. DANES ARE NOW CON-

SIDERING OUR POSITION AND WILL RESPOND FURTHER WHEN WE MEET
SEPTEMBER 5 WITH FONECONMIN NORGAARD. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE FONECONMIN NORGAARD (WHO CURRENTLY
IN GREENLAND) ON SEPTEMBER 5. INMEANWHILE, ECONOFF SAW FONOFF
DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY AGERUP AUGUST 30 TO PRESENT US POSITION AND
LEAVE COPY OF NOTE (REF A) WHICH WILL BE GIVEN NORGAARD.

2. AGERUP APPRECIATED REASONS BEHIND STRONG US DISCONTENT WITH WAY
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN GOING AND SAID DENMARK HAS CONSISTENTLY
SUPPORTED NEED FOR ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR US. HE RECALLED THAT
DENMARK HAD SUPPORTED 30-ITEM LIST PROPOSED BY COMMISSION AT
JULY 23-24 COUNCIL MEETING (REF B) DESPITE SERIOUS MISGIVINGS
BY OTHER MINISTRIES AND INDUSTRY AND ABOUT SEVERAL ITEMS ON LIST.
DENMARK'S POSITION HAD BEEN, AND REMAINS, THAT THE 30-ITEM LIST
REPRESENTED A CAREFUL COMPROMISE WHICH ALL SHOULD ACCEPT.
YET, IT BECAME CLEAR AT THE MEETING AND SUBSEQUENTLY THAT
SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE LIST. HE SAW, THERE-
FORE, THAT THE PRINCIPAL IMMEDIATE TASK WAS TO GET EVERYONE IN
LINE TO SUPPORT THE LIST. TO DO SO WOULD BE QUITE AN ACCOMPLISH-
MENT. TO EXPECT THE 30-ITEM LIST TO BE FURTHER IMPROVED WOULD REQUI-
RE EVEN GREATER EFFORT, AND HE WAS NOT SURE THIS COULD BE DONE.
HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT, IN ADDITION, THE US DESIRED
FURTHER ITEMS ON LIST.

3. AGERUP TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF OUR ORAL PRESENTATION (PARAS
5-6, REF A) AND SAID DENMARK WOULD GIVE OUR INTERESTS SERIOUS CON-
SIDERATION. HE THOUGHT THAT THE GREATEST DANGER IN THE US REQUEST
FOR AUGMENTED EC OFFER WOULD BE IN AN UNRAVELING OF THE 30-ITEM LIST
TO BE REPLACED BY SOMETHING EVENLESS ACCEPTABLE TO THE US. EMBOFF
SAID HE APPRECIATED THE TACTICAL PROBLEM AGERUP POSED, BUT MUST IN-
SIST THAT THE 30-ITEM LIST WITHOUT IMPROVEMENT WAS SIMPLY
INSUFFICIENT TO COMPENSATE THE US FOR LOSSES SUFFERED BY EC ENLARGE-
MENT.

4. AGERUP SAID HE WOULD BRIEF MINISTER NORGAARD BEFORE OUR SEPTEMBER
5 MEETING IN MANNER SYMPATHETIC TO US CONCERNS.

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